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PASTOR'S REPORT TO THE CHURCH CABINET ON JANUARY 20th,1909.

Dear Friends:- As the pastor's annual report at the recent business meeting of our church, covered the ground of his activities up to and including Dec.31st 1908, it is not necessary for him to do more in this report than indicate his pastoral activities since the first of the calendar year.

The first day of the year found him in bed boiling, in spite of the frigid outside temperature, with two painful abcesses, from which he has entirely recovered at the present time.

The little New Year greetings were sent out to each family represented in our membership, and the publication of the January "Brown Book" was supervised as usual. Two new sermons have been prepared and delivered; nine meetings attended in an official capacity; thirteen pastoral calls made; and twenty-two personal letters written upon church business exclusive of a number which were mailed in connection with the New Year Greetings. Two funerals and one wedding have been attended since the new year opened. In accord with the instruction of the church, the clerk and pastor prepared and published this month the list of active members of the church as the roll stood on Jan.1st, a work of considerable labor, which will be vastly simplified by its annual republication at trifling cost by the acquirement of the type as explained in the introduction to the little booklet.

On Wednesday, Jan. 13th, the pastor's wife was summoned by telegraph to the bedside of her mother whose decease is momentarily expected.

The annual church supper and business meeting occurred on Tuesday evening Jan. 12th, and was well attended in spite of the very stormy weather which prevailed. Probably no reprt of the action of that gathering is necessary here as most, if not all of you were present.

Under the head of new business the pastor has several suggestions to make and questions to ask, and we shall also undertake the selection of an auxiliary finance committee as instructed by the church at the annual meeting. On account of this latter consideration I have invited to be present with us the members of our Prudential Committee that we may have the benefit of their advice.

Very earnestly and loyally, your fellow-worker

Will Arthur Dietrick